

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- ◆ The minimum acceptable Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) level is 246 which is comparable to the last two signups of 245 for signup 18 and 247 for signup 16.
- ◆ The overall environmental quality of offers remains strong. The EBI, unadjusted for cost, was 176 for signup 20 compared to 170 for signup 18 and 163 for signup 16.
- ◆ Over 56,000 offers for nearly 3.5 million acres were received. Of these, over 39,500 acceptable offers for almost 2.5 million acres were accepted.
- ◆ Highlights of signup 20 include:
 - ✓ Almost 1.3 million acres of highly erodible land including about 700 thousand acres of land with an erodibility index greater than 15;
 - ✓ Nearly 1.3 million acres of land within conservation priority areas;
 - ✓ Almost 275 thousand acres of trees will be planted;
 - ✓ Over 150 thousand acres of wetlands and protective upland areas;
 - ✓ Almost 123 thousand acres to be restored to rare and declining habitats; and
 - ✓ Nearly 65 thousand acres of longleaf pine will be restored.